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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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Applicants also wish to bring the Examiner's attention to the following pending U.S. Applications, as well as any prior art and any provisional U.S. patent applications referenced therein. A copy of each of the below-listed pending U.S. Patent Applications is provided herewith.

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List of Pending Non-Published U.S. Patent Applications

Applicant(s)	Application Number	Filing Date	Serial No. of Provisional Application to which listed Application claims priority
Gundu M. Sabde	10/028,616	12/21/01	N/A
Klein et al.	10/028,249	12/21/01	N/A
Sinha et al.	10/028,040	12/21/01	N/A
Uhlenbrock et al.	10/032,357	12/21/01	N/A

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

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